

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- a Replacement Sheet for Figure of the drawings
- a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- a terminal disclaimer
- a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- a verified English translation of foreign priority document

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A device for retrieving a golf ball (B) includes a shaft (1; 101) and a member (3), at one end of the shaft (1; 101), that is able to hold the golf ball (B). The member includes an annular element (7) and a carrier (5) for the annular element (7). The invention also relates to a holding member per se. It is significant of the device according to the present invention that the annular element (7) is stationary in relation to the carrier (5), that the holding member (3) further includes a tongue (9) of flexible material, and that the tongue (9) member into the internal space that is defined by the annular element (7).